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1. Rail passenger trains between Dresden and Bad Schandau are running on schedule. Shuttle trains operate from Schandau to Schoena on the border. A total of six trains daily run from Dresden to Schandau (1), while seven trains run in the opposite direction. (2) Three trains daily run from Schandau to Schoena, and three from Schoena to Schandau. (3) 50X1-HUM
2. Both express trains operating daily between Prague and Berlin stop at Bad Schandau. The Berlin-bound train arrives at 11:35 a.m., the Prague-bound train at 2:55 p.m. (4) The express trains running between Dresden and Schandau are composed of only two coaches, one of them running to or from Prague and the other one for German travelers. The through coach to or from Prague is taken over or turned over by Czechoslovakian railroad personnel in Bad Schandau. In addition to these daily express trains two other pairs of express trains operate twice weekly between Prague and Berlin. The Prague-Schandau-Berlin express, which leaves Schandau at 3:45 a.m., operates on Wednesdays and Saturdays; the Berlin-Schandau-Prague express, which leaves Schandau at 3:15 a.m., operates on Fridays and Mondays. The customs inspection in Schandau takes about 30 minutes. (5)
3. Rail traffic between the Schoena railroad station and the border usually consists of up to six freight trains which are assembled and inspected by customs officials at the Schoena border railroad station. Because of tight security measures taken there it is impossible to approach the railroad station. (6)
4. No indications of intended reconstruction of the second track on the Dresden-Bad Schandau-Schoena line were observed. (7) 50X1-HUM
5. Two small freight trains operate daily on the branch line running from Bad Schandau to Mittau via Neukirch/Lausitz. Local residents said that they had seen troop trains running on this line. (8)

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Comments.

- (1) The official winter railroad guide shows four trains operating in the morning and seven in the afternoon.
- (2) According to the railroad guide, five trains operate in the morning and six in the afternoon.
- (3) The official railroad guide shows three trains operating between the two places, both directions, both in the morning and afternoon.
- (4) This statement is confirmed by the official winter railroad guide. The train runs to Rosice via Prague.
- (5) This statement is confirmed by the winter railroad guide. The train runs to Copenhagen, Denmark, via the railroad ferry at Gedser-Francmonde.
- (6) Rail freight traffic was reported on separately.
- (7) In the spring of 1940, it was reported in the press that the second track on this line would be reconstructed. This information, which seemed doubtful from the beginning, is not verified by the present report.
- (8) The line concerned is single-track and has many curves. It runs from Schandau to Zittau via Sebnitz, Neustadt/Gemany-Neukirch/Lausitz-Wilthen-Ebersbach-ober Oderwitz-Zittau, eliminating Czech territory which projects into Germany in this district. The line has only local importance.

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